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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Title as follows:

Light-channeling apparatus and method

Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] The present invention relates to a light-channeling apparatus and method. More particularly, the present invention relates to a light-channeling tube capable of preventing light dispersion and shielding against outside sources of light interference.

Please amend paragraph [0006] as follows:

[0006] The light source 120 must project a line of light onto the document 160 to form a scan line there. To prevent the dispersion of light, most scanning systems ~~systemshas~~ have a collimating lens 122 installed above the light source 120 so that light from the light source 120 is focused on the document 160 to form an intense scan line. Although the lens 122 focuses light from the light source 120, there is no guarantee that light will not be dispersed to the surrounding regions.

Please amend paragraph [0008] as follows:

[0008] Accordingly, one object of the present invention is to provide a light-channeling apparatus and method for guiding light from a light source to a document with very little dispersion and guiding the reflected light from the document through a passage slit onto a first reflecting mirror inside a body casing such that very little stray lights from external sources are is permitted entry into the body casing.